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SUBJECT: ITALIAN CANDIDACY FOR DESIGNATED SEAT IN IAEA
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

REF: A) IAEA 4655 (NOTAL), B) IAEA 4465 (NOTAL), C) MADRID
3348, D) STATE 107693

1. FOR IAEA. ITALIAN REPS HAVE VIGOROUSLY SOUGHT US SUP-
PORT AT JUNE BOARD MEETING FOR REDESIGNATION OF ITALY TO
OCCUPY ONE OF "MOST ADVANCED" SEATS ON IAEA BOARD OF
GOVERNORS FOR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1975-SEPTEMBER 1976.
ITALIANS HAVE SUPPORTED THEIR CLAIM ON POLITICAL AND TECH-
NICAL GROUNDS (REF D).

2. SPANISH REPS HAVE ALSO CONVEYED TO US THEIR VIEW THAT
SEAT ITALIANS WISH TO RETAIN SHOULD BE ROTATED ANNUALLY
AMONG ITALY, SPAIN AND SWEDEN (REF C). SWEDISH AMBASSADOR
CALLED UPON ASSISTANT SECRETARY RAY MAY 29 TO DELIVER AIDE
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MEMOIRE DECLARING SWEDISH CANDIDACY FOR SEAT. SHOULD

PARTIES NOT SUCCEED IN ESTABLISHING ROTATIONAL PRINCIPLE, IT APPEARS SWEDEN WILL REMAIN CANDIDATE FOR SEAT AT JUNE BOARD (SPAIN IS ALREADY MEMBER OF BOARD UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1976 BY ELECTION OF GENERAL CONFERENCE. SWEDEN IS ALSO A MEMBER BUT TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 1975.)

3. DEPT. BELIEVES THAT QUESTION OF ROTATION AMONG THREE WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES IS ONE BEST SETTLED BY CONSULTATIONS AMONG WE'S THEMSELVES. DEPT. SHARES MISSION CONCERN STATED REF B THAT, SHOULD THIS PROCESS FAIL, DESIGNATION OF "MOST ADVANCED" NATIONS SHOULD BE KEPT AS CLOSE TO OBJECTIVE CRITERIA AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT. THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN LITTLE OR NO SERIOUS EFFORT TO MAKE OBJECTIVE REVIEW OF PRESENT SITUATION. IN VIEW OF OBVIOUS

IMPRACTICALITY OF CONDUCTING SUCH REVIEW PRIOR TO JUNE BOARD, IF PARTIES ARE UNABLE TO RESOLVE ISSUE AMONG THEMSELVES, US POSITION IS TO SUPPORT ITALY ON THIS OCCASION.

4. WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURES FOR EFFECTUATING SUPPORT FOR ITALY, DEPT BELIEVES PROPOSAL CONTAINED REF A APPROPRIATE; USDEL IS THEREFORE AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT POSITION THAT DESIGNATION BE BY CONSENSUS RATHER THAN BY VOTE. IF ISSUE COMES TO VOTE, USDEL SHOULD VOTE FOR ITALY.

5. DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO EXPLORE IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER DELS FEASIBILITY ESTABLISHING GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DESIGNATED MEMBERSHIP ON BASIS OBJECTIVE CRITERIA IN FUTURE. IN PREVIOUS INSTANCE WHEN APPLICATION OF CRITERIA BECAME AN ISSUE (VIS. ARGENTINA-BRAZIL), FIFTH BOARD ESTABLISHED INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS TO CONDUCT OBJECTIVE TECHNICAL REVIEW. EXPERTS' CONCLUSION THAT THE TWO NATIONS WERE SO CLOSE TO SAME LEVEL AS TO BE INDISTINGUISHABLE PROVIDED FOUNDATION TO ULTIMATE AGREEMENT TO SHARE SEAT. PERHAPS BOARD WOULD BE INTERESTED IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF FACTS SIMILAR TO THAT UNDERTAKEN IN ARGENTINE-BRAZIL CASE AT APPROPRIATE TIME WELL IN ADVANCE OF NEXT BOARD DESIGNATION IN JUNE 1976.
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6. FOR ROME. EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO INFORM GOI THAT USG WILL EITHER SUPPORT CONSENSUS TO RETAIN PRESENT SLATE OF DESIGNATED BOARD MEMBERS, WHICH INCLUDES ITALY, OF IF ISSUE SHOULD COME TO A VOTE, WILL SUPPORT ITALIAN CANDIDACY. PLEASE INFORM DEPT. WHEN ITALIANS NOTIFIED.
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